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FROM AMBASSADOR HURD

1. EVENTS SOME TIMES HAVE A WAY OF OVERTAKING EACH OTHER AND SUCH HAS BEEN THE CASE IN THIS INSTANCE. IN CONNECTION WITH APPROACH TO FONMIN MULLER ON ANOTHER AND UNCONNECTED MATTER IN PRETORIA YESTERDAY AND AFTER RECEIVING REFTEL (A) BUT BEFORE RECEIPT OF REFTEL (C) I DECIDED TO RAISE THIS ISSUE TO BE SURE MULLER HAD RECEIVED PERSONAL MESSAGE AS WELL AS VORSTER AS REPORTED IN DURBAN 0412.

2. FOLLOWING GUIDANCE IN PARA 6 REFTEL (A) I COVERED IN BRIEF AND IN GENERAL FASHION ALL ITEMS SAVE THAT SPECIFICALLY ON DISCUSSIONS WITH SYG WALDHEIM, POINTING OUT THAT ALL THESE HAD BEEN SPECIFICALLY DISCUSSED WITH VORSTER.
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MULLER SAID HE AWARE OF THIS CONVERSATION AND WOULD BE DIS-

CUSSING IT IN DETAIL WITH VORSTER IN NEAR FUTURE. HIS ATTITUDE, SIMILAR TO VORSTERS, INDICATED APPRECIATION OF OUR VETO AND KNOWLEDGE OF OUR REASONS BUT DID NOT INDICATE ANY MOVEMENT AWAY FROM THE INTRANSIGENCE OF THEIR OF STATED POSITION ON INTERNAL MATTERS THAT IT HAD TO BE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THEIR TERMS AND TIME SCHEDULE. ON RHODESIA AND NAMIBIA, HE ONLY INDICATED THAT HE WAS HOPEFUL OF ACCEPTABLE SOLUTION TO PROBLEM.

3. I SPECIFICALLY MENTIONED PROPOSAL OF DISCUSSIONS WITH SYG WALDHEIM REGARDING NAMIBIA DEVELOPMENT SINCE IT HAD NOT BEEN SPECIFICALLY COVERED IN THE DISCUSSIONS WITH VORSTER. HIS IMMEDIATE REACTION WAS NEGATIVE BASED ON (1) RECENT TREATMENT OF SAG DELEGATION IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND (2) TERMINATION BY UN OF PREVIOUS DISCUSSIONS WITH WALDHEIM AND ESCHER. HOWEVER AFTER I POINTED OUT LEGALITIES INVOLVED IN SOLUTION OF NAMIBIAN PROBLEM BASED ON UN ACTIONS AND DECISION OF WORLD COURT HE INDICATED A REALIZATION OF THE NEED FOR THIS INVOLVEMENT. NEVERTHELESS HE DID NOT INDICATE AN ACCEPTANCE OF THIS REQUIREMENT BUT AS AN ALTERNATIVE SEEMED TO BE THINKING OF THE POSSIBILITY OF SOME TYPE OF GOVERNMENT IN NAMIBIA ACCEPTABLE TO SAG, AS A FAIT ACCOMPLI.

4. I HAVE ADVISED THE BRITISH MINISTER NOUNSELOR OF MY APPROACH IN GENERAL THIS AFTERNOON AND WILL DO THE SAME WITH THE FRENCH AMBASSADOR TONIGHT.
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